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SUBJECT: PRAVDA CRITICAL OF LEE KWAN YEW' S PROPOSAL

1. SHURYGIN COMMENTARY IN MAY 13 PRAVDA CHARACTERIZED AS " DISSONANT" A PROPOSAL REPORTEDLY MADE BY SINGAPORE PM LEE KWAN AT TOKYO PRESS CONFERENCE THAT A SPECIAL MUNTINATIONAL NAVAL FORCE (INCLUDING U. S., JAPANESE AND OTHERS) BE FORMED TO COUNTER SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. AFTER REITERATING SOVIET INTERST IN PROMOTING ASIAN SECURITY, SHURYGIN SEIZED ON LEE' S REMARK THAT " CPR SUPPORTED IDEA" AS EVIDENCE THAT PEKING IS PURSUING SUBVERSIVE AIMS IN ASIA " REGARDLESS WHETHER THEY ARE IMPLEMENTED WITH THEIR OWN HANDS OR SUGGESTED BY OTHERS ABROAD."

2. COMMENT: WHILE SOVIET OPPOSITION TO LEE' S SUGGESTED NAVAL

FORCE WAS TO BE EXPECTED, COMMENTARY DIRECTS BURDEN OF
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CRITICISM AGAINST CHINA RATHER THAN US OR LEE PERSONALLY,
MAKING ONLY OBLIQUE ALLUSION TO ROLE OF " OTHERS ABROAD."
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